AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for processing a batch job, comprising:

wrapping the batch job to create an application programming interface for communication with a batch framework, the batch framework comprising a batch dispatcher class, and the batch dispatcher class further comprising a method to execute the batch job; and

invoking the batch framework according to a predetermined schedule via execution of a command line parameter, wherein the method provides for efficient reuse of programming code and platform independence by encapsulating the batch job and providing a uniform application programming interface for **an application**-processing the batch job according to the method.

- 2. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the batch job resides locally with the batch framework.
- 3. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the batch job resides remotely from the batch framework.
- 4. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the batch framework is invoked by a scheduling service.
- 5. (Original) The process of claim 2 wherein the batch framework is invoked by a scheduling service.

- 6. (Original) The process of claim 3 wherein the batch framework is invoked by a scheduling service.
- 7. (Original) The process of claim 4 wherein the scheduling service is AutoSys.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 7 where the AutoSys further executes the command line parameter.
- 9. (Original) The process of claim 8 wherein the command line parameter is a Unix shell script.
- 10. (Original) The process of claim 8 wherein the command line parameter is a Windows NT batch file.
- 11. (Original) The process of claim 5 wherein the scheduling service is AutoSys.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 11 where the AutoSys further executes the command line parameter.
- 13. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein the command line parameter is a Unix shell script.

- 14. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein the command line parameter is a Windows NT batch file.
- 15. (Original) The process of claim 6 wherein the scheduling service is AutoSys.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 15 where the AutoSys further executes the command line parameter.
- 17. (Original) The process of claim 16 wherein the command line parameter is a Unix shell script.
- 18. (Original) The process of claim 16 wherein the command line parameter is a Windows NT batch file.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein the batch framework is a Java framework.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein the application programming interface for communication with the batch framework is a Java application programming interface.
- 21. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein the command line parameter comprises a class name, a method name, and one or more method parameters.